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1. Repair work on Soviet tanks at the Kirchmöser repair shops has fallen off greatly during the winter. Only 39 were overhauled in January 1954. They were T-34 tanks armed with a 76 mm gun. They came from Magdeburg and were taken back there.
2. Time has been employed meanwhile in making changes in the shops. The facilities for storage of material have been enlarged. Further new construction will be undertaken in the spring. Machinery for new facilities has already arrived at Kirchmöser, including a two-cylinder grinding machine, a cylinder boring machine, and several turret lathes. The shops are also getting six new electric welding sets. To all appearances, facilities are being provided which will make it possible to assemble new tanks.
3. Seven new engines for T-34 tanks and three 105 mm guns have arrived from the Soviet Union. They came by ship to Rostock and thence to Kirchmöser.

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